

Squire Michael Porter House,
(Formerly Keeler Farm)
North of Sharonville, Sharon Township,
~~Grass Lake~~, Michigan.

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<u>Owner</u>	Morgan Esch (Formerly Keller Farm)
<u>Date of Erection</u>	1842
<u>Architect</u>	Unknown
<u>Builder</u>	Unknown
<u>Present Condition</u>	Poor
<u>Number of Stories</u>	Center portion two stories, 2-story 4-columnar portico; one story wings.
<u>Materials of Construction</u>	Stone foundation; frame exterior walls, white wood clapboards and cornice.
<u>Other Existing Records</u>	None discovered.
<u>Additional Data</u>	<p>The barn, - 16" wall, random split boulders, brick quoins; elliptical arch front and rear; simple cornice. Second floor framing of rough 8 x 8, some only partly squared. It was erected during the occupancy of the Keeler family. The barn has a piece of stone in the brick wall marked "1853".</p> <p>The house has been moved to the rear of the lot and is now being used as a tool shed. It is in poor condition: 1 square column missing; interior stair and one wall torn out. Interior wrecked. A rather ordinary mantel. Circular plaster ceiling piece at entrance; hand split lath.</p> <p>This farm was settled by Squire Michael Porter in 1834. He was District Supervisor in 1839-1840.</p> <p>The Keelers came from Connecticut. Mrs. Keeler</p>

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Additional Data (Continued)

was an Aunt of Albert Osborne, the handwriting expert. Fred Keeler was at one time Superintendent of Public Instruction.

(Reference: Mrs. E. W. Krafts, Grass Lake, Michigan).

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